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THE VOICE OF AN UNKNOWN SOLDIER

By Virginia Pearson

An unknown soldier lies beneath an unnamed cross of gray,
While just above his resting head the wild flowers sway like grief-stricken nuns
at prayer.

Clear azure sky pours down her golden gift . . . The rainbow of the fray;
The smiling sun, in warm delight, bedecks his sleeping soul with beauty rare.

'Tis said that this brave, nameless lad, who
knew not meaning of the word called
"fear."

Had asked the God of Love that he might
sleep awhile beside his worn, dis-
carded earthly coat which lately
served its purpose here.

He asked to be allowed to live and rest be-
neath the Crimson places of the earth,
Below the spot where magic shadows cast
their darts of GREED and FAM-
INE'S DIRT.

Thus from his worm's eye view of life, he
watched the airplanes soar,
Through clouds of blood and smoke he
saw his comrades fall, and oft times
die;

He heard as living men do hear the vicious dogs of WAR belch forth their mur-
derous roar,
And from his dug-out home in stranger lands, he heard the mothers of the lads
"out there" send forth their feeble cry.

It reached the harbor where he lay, it intermingled with the cries of this vast
bleeding world;

It shook the structure where his body lay, as earthquakes rock the rolling earth.
His ear, accustomed to such sounds of HATE unfurled,
Longed for the newer, nobler wail, not dealing DEATH, but BIRTH.

In trance-like state he listened on in this brown shroud which nature gave;
And yet he knew full well that every weeping mother's son of them split the better
part of him.

He saw with eyes that could not veil the awe he felt at being thus awake to see and
save;

There stood revealed the countless peopled lands seen by a stronger light than
EARTHLY day, which now seemed dim.

He saw the pageant of the night he had but lately left behind to seek his soul's
eternal rest;

He felt no body pain—his mind, confused at first, was active now.

He saw and heard and felt a keener sense to know the worst and best;

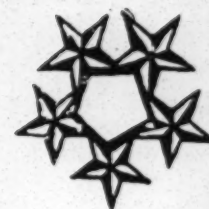
From whence came this astounding fact, he knew not where or how.

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My Observations At Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp During Summer, 1944

PSYCHIC RESEARCH POSSIBLE AT INDIANA'S SUMMER SPIRITUALIST HAVEN

Could Be Called a University Where Phenomena Can Be Studied.

Last year, during the summer months, I visited several spiritualist camps. In the last two issues of this journal, I described my observations at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa. (April 25th edition) and Lily Dale Assembly (May 10th edition). This article will include my activities at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, during the first two weeks of August, 1944.

Camp Chesterfield has always reminded me of a great university. It is one of the few summer spiritualist centers that commence their daily program at eight in the morning. Beginning at that time, psychic demonstrations by resident mediums are presented to visitors and students who assemble in various seance rooms. From year to year, the spirit collaborators have perfected new ideas to introduce each summer.

Independent Drawing

Several years ago, through the combined mediumship of Maude Fox and Loretta Schmidt, of Detroit, Michigan, a unique presentation of *Independent Drawing* was exhibited to the Chesterfield public.

Here are the conditions under which both mediums present their phenomena. They sit on one side of a table. Plain pieces of drawing paper and numerous colored crayons, used in the demonstration, are examined by the guests. The lights are extinguished and then a regular dark room trumpet seance follows. Before any special phenomena takes place Mrs. Fox's spirit teacher outlines the program they hope to present at that particular seance. Sometimes the results differ depending upon the quality and experience of the group of sitters present.

I understand that, in most instances, numerous spirit artists assemble and then a group of spirits, usually Indians pose, as it were. These Indian spirits are seen by the spirit artists who draw their likenesses. In order to do this, the spirit artists must materialize hands; then pick up the crayons and make their sketches on the drawing paper.

Luminous Objects

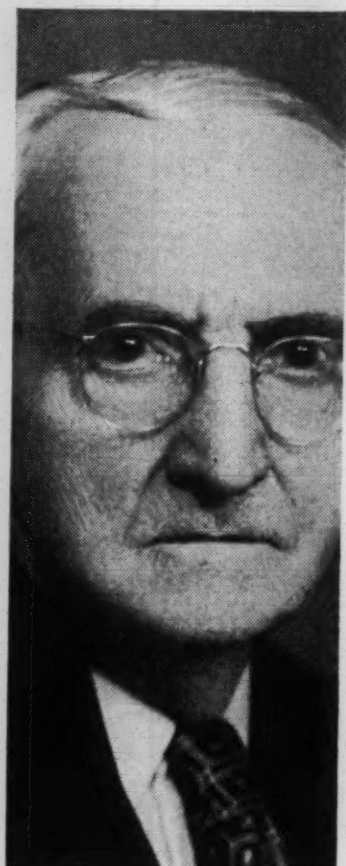
And this they do with great rapidity and skill. When finished, the crayon sketches are conveyed individually to persons in the circle by means of the trumpet. Sometimes two or three are completed and delivered to the recipients at the same time.

Though one cannot see the drawing executed, the very fact that the correct picture can be handed to the person for whom the drawing is made, proves conclusively that the result is super-normally achieved.

Now about demonstrations held in other seance rooms on the Chesterfield Camp grounds. Last summer, Charles Swann and Clifford Bias held interesting classes. Their seance room was in complete darkness for the first part of their demonstration. During this portion of the seance, luminous objects of various size and sometimes color appeared. These objects moved rapidly around the room so all

sitters could get a clear view. I, myself, have seen numerous symbols, flowers of many varieties, crosses, miniature harps, stars and even a butterfly.

We were told that these objects were constructed by the chemists from what they call "luminous ectoplasm" which is drawn from the medium. There is a spiritual lesson for each person in the class because as these objects are identified with each individual, their sig-



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nificance is explained by the spirit teachers of the mediums. In this procedure, the trumpet is levitated and remains suspended directly in front of the person receiving his bit of spiritual advice and counsel.

In addition to the objects and symbols, oftentimes there appears actual sketches of loved ones. These phenomenal manifestations usually seem to originate in the direction of the large end of the trumpet over which there gradually forms a complete surface of ectoplasm. Then slowly, line by line, there appears a sketch of some deceased friend.

Materialization

The sketch shown to me was of Marcella De Cou Hicks and several people present recognized her spirit likeness when shown to them. No reasonable person could doubt supernormal manifestations with a

directing intelligence after witnessing one of the Swann-Bias morning classes because after each demonstration and naturally before each seance closes, the spirit teachers explain the *modus operandi* of the phenomena.

At the conclusion of this first part of their morning class, a small light, such as is used in materialization seances, is turned on.

Before the second part of the seance begins, several persons examine the corner of the room where a black curtain serves as a cabinet.

Mr. Bias then steps behind the curtain, while Mr. Swann remains outside with the students. In the seance I attended it was scarcely a few moments before a full formed, solid figure materialized outside the cabinet in full view of all present.

Apport Mediumship

It was a Hindoo about six feet tall. He salaamed, then dematerialized before our very eyes.

Next, two little spirit girls seemingly arose from the floor outside the cabinet and vanished within a few minutes. At this point, Mr. Bias' little spirit collaborator, Sylvia announced that these three figures were all that could be shown to us, as her medium is not fully developed for materialization. In the seance room, scientists have a wonderful opportunity to learn a bit about what lies beyond the atom after it is split into its minutest parts. A few years ago, I heard a distinguished scientist lecture on the atom. He said that it can be traced back to nothing other than an explosive light.

I must record another demonstration of psychic phenomena witnessed at Chesterfield. I refer to the phenomena of apports. Though many mediums have occasional seances of this sort, I do not know of anyone in America who can consistently demonstrate apport mediumship, excepting Rev. John Bunker of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. He conducts a morning class each day during the camp season and it is at these seances that thousands have actually received an apport for themselves.

A Rare Gift

The Indian spirits predominate in these meetings. As I've written in previous articles, these children of nature have profound wisdom which they express in eloquent fashion. Many of the most illuminating lessons that I have heard given to the earth people have come from these Indian philosophers.

In short, the procedure at the Bunker seances is as follows:

Plain, comfortable chairs are provided for the sitters. This is the only furniture in his seance room. For me, there is no more curious and dramatic phase of psychic phenomena than the ap-

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Psychic Observer
MABLE RIFFLE

port. It is so startling that it is difficult to persuade the skeptic as to its possibility and even the Spiritualist can hardly credit it, until personal experience is his.

In the Bunker meetings, such apports as fresh fragrant flowers, arrow heads, crystals, antique coins, semi-precious stones and curious Egyptian pieces, marked with hieroglyphics, are brought to the people in attendance. The solid objects usually feel very warm when they drop in your lap from the trumpet which is used as a carrier.

Modern Science

In explaining this phenomena, the spirits have said, "We endeavor to harmonize the rate of vibration peculiar to the object to be apported with the material substances through which it has to be passed. After that, there is no more difficulty in passing matter through matter than it is for you to move your bodies through the atmosphere. In our world it is a far easier process than in yours. The operation of thought is a dynamic force which reduces or accelerates rates of vibration in such a way that other carrying agents can be dispensed with."

Modern scientists tell us that everything called matter, is a mode of motion in the ether, so it is, therefore understandable that material objects can be reduced to the original substance or etheric counterpart and reassembled into the original state when the vibratory rate is changed.

No student of psychic science should miss seeing an apport demonstration. Here again, the seance room affords a vast field of investigation, but few ever take the trouble to seek. In fact, I sometimes think that it would overwhelm them.

Several other mediums conduct morning classes but as I am confining this article to my experiences in 1944, I shall not touch upon any demonstration seen in previous years.

Mable Riffle

In the chapel at 10 A. M., classes on the philosophy of Spiritualism are conducted by the Chesterfield staff mediums.

In the auditorium, each afternoon at 2:30, a philosophical lecture is followed by two mediums who demonstrate various phases of mediumship.

Mable Riffle is an outstanding public clairvoyant. Her collaborator, Dr. Henry Williams is a genius for proving identification. He gives full names including middle names, complete relationships extending back for several generations. After fully convincing the recipient of the identity of the spirit who is communicating, he will proceed with the message.

I consider Mrs. Riffle one of America's best platform message mediums. Maude Fox, Loretta Schmidt, Nellie Curry, Clara Knost Larrick and James Laughton also presented brilliant clairvoyance at the meetings I attended.

For blindfold billet reading, Mamie Schulz, Edith Stillwell, John Bunker and Fanchion Har-

wood are unexcelled.

I sat on the platform several times when these demonstrations were given. The eyes are completely sealed with adhesive tape. A black cloth is securely tied around the head. These people can see with their very finger tips. They certainly do not see with their normal sight. Message after message is given, just as rapidly as the medium can speak.

In the chapel at four o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. John Bunker administered spiritual healing. Many people attested to the splendid results obtained at these meetings.

Homer Watkins

A short talk followed by messages was held in the grove at sundown each afternoon. (See Jan. 25th PSYCHIC OBSERVER for article on demonstration given by Homer Watkins, Detroit.)

In the evenings, most Chesterfield staff mediums conduct seances in their homes. Many of these seance rooms are equipped with devices for cooling the air. Where these conveniences are encountered, it is very pleasant to spend an evening visiting with loved ones "over there."

Though occasionally the spirit teachers give addresses, for the most part these evening seances are for the purpose of providing your spirit friends and relatives with an opportunity to carry on friendly conversations.

It is in such meetings that we realize "here is there" excepting that those in spirit have shed their mortal body. However, the same personality, loves and memories extend beyond death and they usually return in a perfectly natural manner and are able to establish their identity, definitely proving "There is no death."

Rare Phenomena

I attended two of Fanchion Harwood's remarkable materialization seances. It isn't unusual for four or even five full formed spirits to appear at the same time. Tall men, short men, children, women young and old, all "come back." They tell us of the great value of living good, honest lives here upon earth. They tell us that God's laws are immutable and before we can progress "over there" we must right the errors made in earth life.

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And cometh from afar;
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And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home.*

William Wordsworth,
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Evidence of Survival

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*The first important step is
to maintain an open at-
titude of mind.*

By

REV. CHARLES HAMPTON

Life in the physical world may be likened to an endless procession. Every minute of every day babies are being born, and every minute people die. This journey from birth to death has been going on for thousands, if not millions of years.

A person would have to be quite unintelligent if, at some period of his life, he did not wonder what happened after death and before birth. *Where do all these "dead" people go?* We see them no more—at least we do not see a physical form.

But there are many things we do not see, and many sounds we do not hear. We do not see nor hear the symphony travel from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, but that each separate note and melody is transmitted is a fact we cannot deny. We cannot see, with ordinary physical sight, the etheric matter through which our radio programs travel, yet it is physical matter.

Mathematical Problem Solved

But some people can see etheric matter. Others can hear non-physical sounds and carry on conversations by means of telepathy with the mis-called "dead." We shall give examples wherein information known only to the dead has been conveyed to the living.

The moment anyone begins to wonder about what happens to those who die, he is inevitably led to consider the related phenomena of dream life, for experiences



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with the dead are precisely similar to some of the experiences of the dream consciousness.

Dream Solutions of Problems

One of the first results of a serious study of dreams is that almost anyone can obtain proof of the fact that we are far more intelligent when we sleep than in waking consciousness. This is shown by the fact that mathematical problems have been solved in dreams, inventions perfected, whole books planned and intricate musical compositions worked out.

In many cases, the best efforts of the waking brain consciousness have been concentrated unsuccessfully for days on a solution, and then the problem is clearly and lucidly solved in a dream of a few moments. Robert Louis Stevenson, Lewis Carroll, and many scientists, doctors, teachers, lawyers and inventors testify to this truth. We give one example.

Newton Preston, a teacher of mathematics, always worked out beforehand the problems he planned to present to his class.

One day he came across a problem he could not solve. He worked for some days at it and finally appealed to other teachers. They were unable to help him.

On the evening before he was to present the problem to his class, he worked late into the night but retired without success. In the morning he went to his desk to gather up his paper, and, to his astonishment, he found the whole thing worked out perfectly in his own handwriting. He asked his wife where the paper came from. She told him that he got up in the night sat for a long time at his desk writing, and then came back to bed. *Had he done the whole thing in his sleep?*

Freedom From the Body

It is not necessary to act as a somnambulist and put material figures on paper—one might have remembered it as a dream. But on the other hand, many people cannot remember dreams clearly. They may have a very clear and vivid experience and be perfectly confident that they will remember it, but it vanishes completely before they reach the breakfast table. The loss can be averted by making a few notes at the moment, not at a later time.

Once we are convinced that we are wiser asleep than awake, the next step is to prove that we can function intelligently when the body is unconscious. Many have been able to prove that. Many have stood outside the body and observed it as a thing apart while undergoing an operation, or when on the verge of dying, from which they recover, or merely by being projected from the body in sleep.

Out-of-the-Body Experience

An example of consciousness functioning intelligently apart from the physical body is given by W. Martin of Liverpool, England, in the Sunday Express of May 26, 1935. He writes:

"In 1911, at the age of sixteen, I was staying about twelve miles away from my own home when a high wall was blown down by a sudden gust of wind as I was passing. A huge coping stone hit me on top of the head.

"It then seemed as if I could see myself lying on the ground, huddled up, with one corner of the stone resting on my head and quite a number of people rushing toward me. I watched them move the stone and someone took off his coat and put it under my head, and I heard all their comments: 'Fetch a doctor.' 'His neck is broken.' 'Skull smashed.'

"One man then wanted to know if anyone knew where I lived, and on being told that I was lodging just around the corner, he instructed them to carry me there.

"Now all this time it appeared as though I were disembodied from the form lying on the ground and suspended in midair in the center of the group, and I could hear everything that was being said.

"As they started to carry me it was remarked that it would come as a blow to my people, and I was immediately conscious of a desire to be with my mother. Instantly I was at home, and father and mother were just sitting down to their midday meal. On my entrance mother sat bolt upright in her chair and said, 'Bert, something has happened to our boy.'

"There followed an argument, but my mother refused to be pacified, and said if she caught the 2 P. M. train she could be with me before three.

"She had hardly left the room when there came a knock at the front door. It was a porter from the railway station with a telegram saying that I was badly hurt.

"Then suddenly I was again

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My Observations

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and protect us. Many times they recite incidents unknown to anyone but ourselves and by so doing they are able to give much encouragement.

Some people consider such messages trivial. The trivialities provide the clinching proof that the spirits live and see us in our daily lives. They teach us that courtesy and kindness are the real coin of life, because the service rendered our fellowmen extends beyond the earthlife and "lays up many treasures in heaven."

Lula Tabor also possesses remarkable materialization power. Etta S. Bledsoe, Marcella De Cou Hicks, and Bessie Woodworth came at the same time to visit with me at one of Mrs. Tabor's meetings last summer.

Curry and Whitney

These women were publicly associated with Spiritualism while upon earth, consequently many people recognized them. Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Seabee of Chicago were present at this seance and their two daughters and a son materialized, all at the same time and sang a song in perfect harmony.

There is an indescribable quality that is unmistakable when spirits sing. Somehow, these "angel songs" always stir the very depth of my soul.

I had a solo sitting with Ralph Whitney, Columbus, Ohio, who was serving as lecturer on the auditorium program for one week. He is a very well developed mental medium and I recall how one message received had great significance for me. There is a spirit woman who comes to me every six or seven years. She first made herself known through Nellie Curry in 1930, when she said she would guide and direct me but would be a silent worker.

If I measured up to her requirements for a student, she would come again in six or seven years but requested me not to call for her or divulge her name. In 1936, she came through Mae Hibbs at Brady Lake, Ohio; Pierre Keeler and William Cartheuser at Lily

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Dale, and again for the first time since 1936, she came through Mr. Whitney.

I also sat solo with Walter De Witt who possesses very strong power for trumpet. The voices were distinct and I sensed especially strong power for physical phenomena such as levitation, moving objects "etc." Many bits of evidence came at this, my first sitting, with Mr. De Witt and I also remember that I was especially impressed with the singing of the spirits.

It seems that certain mediums can be used for vocalizations and strangely, spirits can sing exquisitely through mediums who cannot carry a tune. Mr. De Witt is a newly developed medium who served Chesterfield for the first time last season. After more experience, I daresay he will develop into an outstanding instrument for the spirit world.

Trance Mediumship

Another very splendid solo sitting was with Clara Knost Larrick, (see picture page 8, Col. 3) whose work is well known to spiritualists all over the country. In this meeting, the unusual feature was that the spirits used several means to reach me. Dr. Allen, Mrs. Larrick's principal spirit collaborator spoke directly through his entranced medium. Barbara Ann, the little girl who serves as gate keeper for trumpet work, spoke independently whilst all the other spirits communicating with me used the trumpet.

On several occasions, the spirits spoke to each other and at other times, Dr. Allen voiced through Mrs. Larrick but what impressed me most was that Barbara Ann spoke in independent voice at the same time other spirits would be speaking through the trumpet.

From a psychic researcher's viewpoint, this demonstration was remarkable. To have three distinct voices at one time, including the entranced medium is very, very rare.

Robert Chaney has developed a sensational phase of trumpet work. The entire seance is conducted in the red light. (See PSYCHIC OBSERVER, Jan. 10th, 1945 issue for full description). In addition to this phase, Mr. Chaney is a spirit photographer.

Positive Proof

At Chesterfield, one meets college professors, business men, ministers of orthodoxy and mediums from all over the country. These people bring groups of students who desire to see various phases of phenomena demonstrated and probably one of the real reasons for such remarkable seances is due to the fact that there is a great reservoir of psychic energy at Chesterfield.

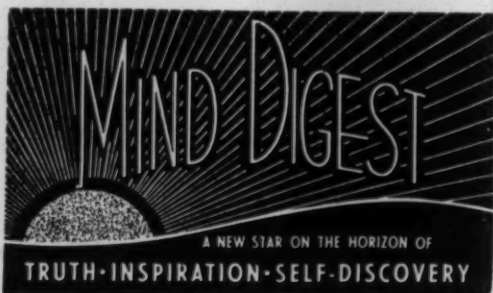
It is a fact that results usually depend upon the sitters but when people are spiritually and psychically developed and qualified mediums are available good results usually follow.

To truly comprehend any subject, it is necessary to study but study is not enough. Each student must witness demonstrations and then apply the lessons in their daily lives.

At Chesterfield, one has an unparalleled opportunity to not only study and view all phases of mediumship but also to learn some of the laws of life and how to apply these principles by living with a purpose.

In the next issue of this journal, Mrs. Pressing will describe her observations during her visit to Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp at Brady Lake, Ohio. On this trip, she was accompanied by Bertha Marx, Albert E. Vaughn Strode and Mr. Pressing.

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This is the third in a series of articles, written by ARTHUR J. WILLS, 224 Herrick Road, Riverside, Illinois. In these "LETTERS TO A SOLDIER," Mr. Wills, author of the book "NOW and FOREVER," explains some of the "WHYS and WHEREFORES" of spirit communication.

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Third Letter

Dear Friend:

We have spoken of the essential man, the "I," as Spirit. It is commonly thought that the food we eat renews and continues our lives. But *Psychic Science* has shown that the spirit temporarily leaves the body in sleep, and renews its strength, just as a storage battery in an automobile needs recharging at times.

The "auto" will not run, however mechanically perfect and fed with fuel, if the battery is "inert." So the body cannot continue to act, no matter how much food (fuel) is given it, unless the spirit (the essential "I") is renewed in sleep. The food rebuilds the worn-out physical cells, etc., but, as the ancient writer says, "The Spirit maketh alive."

Specific Cases

Pain inheres in the physical body only and when the spirit is temporarily absent in sleep, trance, anesthesia or other physical unconsciousness states, pain cannot be felt.

It is only when the spirit returns to the body that it becomes aware of the sensation of pain.

Take these cases: A lady, out of the body under an anesthetic, watched her body being operated on by surgeons and could afterwards describe the operation and also saw a nurse's cap knocked away and laughed at the comical effect. This was all confirmed by the staff, when she re-entered her body and returned to physical consciousness.

Another lady who understood something of *Psychic Science*, determined to visit a friend across the city, during her temporary absence from the body, during an operation, and appeared to and talked to her friend while being operated on. No pain was felt until, on returning to the physical body, normal combined physical and spiritual action was resumed.

Spiritually Discerned

So we see that pain is merely physical, not spiritual. But the burning pangs of remorse and sorrow for evil deeds is a reality, which is crudely symbolized by the physical idea of "Hell fire," and taken literally is hideously misleading.

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"Flesh and blood cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven," hence there can be no physical pain. "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned."

To illustrate: Two men are seated in the same seat on a train. They are in the same "place," but not in the same condition or state. One has been away from home for a long time and is returning, with his mind filled with happiness at the prospect of rejoining his loved ones again, "he is in a state of heaven."

God Is Not Mocked

The other has committed a crime and is filled with remorse and the dread of retribution on his arrival, "he is in a state of Hell." Yet they are in the same "place."

If they were worlds apart they would be in the same states of heaven or of hell. Place has nothing to do with it, it is the state or condition that governs. Hence, the literal physical idea of a place is false.

The trouble comes from our usual limited habit of looking outside of ourselves for everything. The words God, heaven or hell, saviors and scapegoats, have been used in a cowardly and dishonest attempt, to evade responsibility and the inevitable consequences of wrong-doing.

We try to ignore the reality, "Be NOT deceived, God is NOT mocked, WHATSOEVER a man soweth THAT shall he also reap." This is simple common sense as well as justice.

Essentials Ignored

If we sow weeds we cannot expect grapes, or roses, that is "Natural" law. If we sow evil we cannot expect good to come of it, that is "spiritual" law. Deeds count, not words and nebulous beliefs. As Emerson says, "What you DO shouts so loud that I cannot HEAR what you say."

In the parable of the last things, it was to the obscure and unknown that Jesus said, "Come ye blessed —, I was hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, etc., and ye fed, clothed and visited me."

But they were amazed and did not even know why they were chosen. "Lord when saw we thee hungry, thirsty, sick, etc., and did these things unto thee?" and he answered, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these MY BRETHREN, ye have done it unto ME." Those little unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

Not a single word about churches, priests, prayers, beliefs and creeds. These non-essentials are completely ignored.

Kinship of Ideas

It is a significant fact that the same idea was known 3000 B.C. for in the Egyptian "Book of the Dead" is a prayer for "Entrance into Light," (the realms of the blessed), in almost the same words, "I have not done evil, I have given bread to the hungry; water to the thirsty; raiment to the naked; and a boat to him that needed it. I am 'pure of mouth' (heart), and 'clean of hands.' I have EMULATED the god by DOING HIS WILL."

("He that doeth the will of my Father, he is my mother and my brother my sister"). What a kinship of ideas between Jesus and the ancient Egyptians.

"What doth it profit my
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His petty sins and sorrows, too, his vain regrets and silly thoughts he thought were dead now sprang to life.

Before his new found eyes there stood the captain of his erstwhile regiment, Bedecked in uniform of state, with noble brow, commanding mien—not in the muddy clothes of strife.

How happened this? . . . But yesterday he saw this great, commanding chieftain stand knee deep in pools of bloody slime—his garments rent.

Hush—now he speaks . . . our unknown boy looks straight into his kindly eyes . . . "I've come for you, brave lad of mine, who unrewarded for your valor great, fell stricken by the foe,

We thought it best you first were met by those familiar with that love which never dies,

And from the understanding you did have at death, a larger, better one will grow . . . soon you shall know."

Another voice, so soft in trembling love, now spoke to him . . . his white haired mother he had left behind in that far distant land!

He wondered why she came to him . . . he thought her living, and content in her staunch faith for his own safe return.

He did not know that God knew best . . . her pilgrimage now done . . . her boy, more than her other friends of earth did need the comfort of her hand, That he might with her gentle aid toward Eternal Peaceful daylight turn.

"Dear son, through all that waiting night, When my frail soul sought thine in dreams and cherished hours of love, I only wished to stay close to thy side and give thee light, And guide thy thoughts to Realms where dwell our friends above.

"And in their hour when I grew tired beneath the man . . . inflicted load, I staggered and so weary grew that I was forced to keep my stumbling thoughts on thy young, stalwart strength to give me aid.

My faith in thee was next to God's; I knew His wiser road; My trust in thy devotion rare, I thought a bridge to span the yawning Hell which man has made.

I counted not on this, my love, which is the perfect union of the tie which binds; No bliss so quickly gained as this was ever fashioned into words. How could I know, who'd e'er have thought, that Death was such a little thing that finds

The Open Door to life through which the lowly, countless masses wend their way like cattle herds.

"Arise, my son, thy time has come, thy day not ended, but begun.

The service thou hast NOW to give is greater far than that which on earth was meted out to thee;

'Tis now thy duty, boy o' mine, to walk beside the stricken, lingering spirits of the lately risen dead—and urge them on, my son.

Give them good cheer . . . show them the way . . . tell them the higher worlds do bid them leave the earth and come . . . give them the key."

Our unknown soldier rose and joined those tender friends he knew not that he had before,

And through the labyrinth of ways and man-created creeds that wind and wind, He learned so many truths, of ancient and of recent lore,

But this, the jewel that he found more precious than the rest . . . the gift of being kind.

It is this message that I bring from Him to you . . . "Be kind and give to those, my comrades left behind to bear a living Hell.

Keep faith with me and all my own . . . forget not the love toward you I bore.

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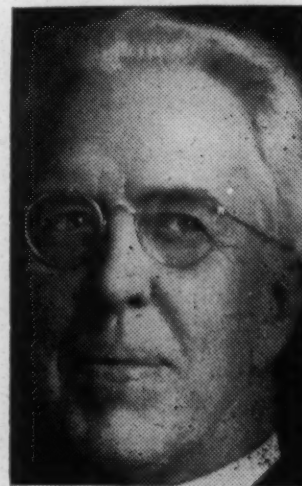
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Some "Whys" Are Answered

brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not WORKS? Can faith save him?"

"If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled'; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" "Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead." "By their works ye shall know them." "Every man shall receive according to HIS WORKS."

"God sends his messages unto every age with revelations suited to its growth."

Carry Your Burdens

M. A. Oxon (Stainton Moses) writes a spiritual message, "The religion we teach is one of acts and habits, not of words and fitful faith. We teach a religion of body and soul; a religion pure, progressive and true; one that aims at no finality, but leads its votary higher and higher through the ages, until the dross of earth is purged away, the spiritual nature is refined and sublimated and the perfected spirit—perfected through suffering, toil and experience—is presented in glorified purity before the very footstool of its God."

"In this religion you will find no place for sloth and carelessness. In it, you will find no shirking of the consequences of acts. Such shirking is impossible. Sin carries with it its own punishment."

"Nor will you find a convenient substitute on whose shoulders you may bind the burdens which you have prepared. Your own back must bear them and your own spirit groan under their weight."

A Cheap Reprieve

"Neither will you find encouragement to live a life of animal sensuality and brutish selfishness, in the hope that an Orthodox belief will hide your debased life and that faith will throw a veil over impurity."

"You will find that creed taught by us is that acts and habits are of more importance than creeds and faith; and you will discover that that flimsy veil is rent aside with a stern hand, leaving the foul life laid bare and the poor spirit naked and open to the eye of all who gaze upon it."

"Nor will you find any hope that after all you may get a cheap reprieve—that God is merciful and will not be severe to mark your sins. You will gain mercy when you have deserved it; or

rather, repentance and amendment, purity and sincerity, truth and progress will bring their own reward. You will not then require either mercy or pity."

The original word, wrongly translated Church, meant a group such as Jesus and his disciples, a family group (sometimes addressed as 'the household of Faith'), or such as the Quakers (Society of Friends) today, quietly LIVING THEIR RELIGION daily.

No Chosen People

That is the only true religion, no matter what it is called. There are no CHOSEN peoples, racial, religious or other. As Jesus said "Other sheep have I that are not of this fold that ye know not of," but none the less important because not known, to the self elected "chosen" caste.

"One of the first lessons we have to teach on our return to you is that the 'Word of God' can never be a printed book. GOD IS, and His word is like Himself, an EVERPRESENT, EVERLIVING, MOVING POWER: what is written can never be more than an historical record of what the word of God was to Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah or Paul."

"The seasons, flowers, harvests and sunshine were not given ONCE FOR ALL, long ago, God continually renews each in his appointed time; so it is with His Word, it is like a well of water, continually bubbling up, NOT A STAGNANT POOL, that for two thousand years has maintained A DEAD, UNVARYING LEVEL."

"Men have to learn that HE SPEAKS TODAY, if they will but listen, AS MUCH AS HE EVER DID."

A SPIRIT MESSAGE.

"Familiar Spirits"

"Revelation is less 'TO' a man, than 'IN' a man."

"We recognize but ONE religion here, and that is 'LOVE,' and its disciples have but ONE denomination—LOVERS OF MANKIND—This is the only religion which can write a passport to heaven for the pilgrims of earth."

"Mankind has erred and strayed from TRUTH, having sold its birthright of open communion,

for a mess of ecclesiastical potage, NOT because God has changed or his system of government in any way altered, but the days of this error are numbered."

In Canon Anson's book, 'The Truth about Spiritualism,' he condemns the Deuteronomical texts concerning 'familiar spirits' and says:

"The chief importance of these ordinances is, that they were taken over by the Christian Church and were the cause of the most horrible cruelties, perpetrated on those who exercised psychic gifts and this forms one of the most terrible indictments of historical Christianity."

"God's Assistance"

It is important to emphasize the fact that, in the wider sense, ALL CHRISTIANS are Spiritualists. The Christianity of the Hymnbook and Sunday school largely represents popular Christianity, and this the Canon calls, "A very crude and inaccurate representation of the Christian Faith."

He emphasizes the fact that psychic gifts are NATURAL ABILITIES and that their spiritual value "must depend UPON THEIR USE and THE MOTIVES prompting their possessors."

The purpose of earth life in relation to spirit life will be the theme of our next (4th) letter.

Your fellow seeker,

Arthur J. Willis

(To be continued.)

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A Factual Report of a Mystical Experience

An Ever Present Help in Time of Trouble

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As I have, on several occasions, personally experienced the operation of a higher or spiritual law, a law that I believe is as exact as that of any physical law which we observe and obey, I wish to relate the veridical details of an occurrence outside the orbit of present-day experience.

I believe this experience belongs to the domain of science though not yet entirely accepted by scientific institutions because it transcends the dimensions of our material world.

When I purchased a new sedan in 1924, it was an unusual luxury and a large outlay from my small income. As a friendly gesture, I began to invite friends and acquaintances to share my car with me. This gave me the usual satisfaction and pleasure which always attends sharing without monetary compensation.

My home was built near the summit of a hill and one day as I drove the car around to the front of the house, I suddenly remembered a forgotten package. Turning my car at right angle to the road, I carefully secured both brakes while I ran hastily back to the house. To my great horror and amazement as I was returning, I saw the car suddenly right itself and start down the steep hill. I raced frantically after the speeding car but without avail.

At the foot of the hill, was a highway on which there was much traffic. Bordering this road was a large lake, on whose banks little children often played under the shade of an old *ailanthus* tree. I shrieked aloud but my voice did not carry to the speeding autos on the highway or to the group of shouting, laughing children—though the car was now half way down the hill, and I was still racing beside it trying desperately to reach the brakes.

"An ever present help in time of trouble" reads the promise and I remembered it as I implored in agony for God's assistance, assuring no regret for the loss of the

car only beseeching that no lives be sacrificed or no one be maimed.

Near the foot of the hill was a house with a garage that had a deep runway, about eight feet



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MAY M. LONGENBAUGH

high, cut into the side of the hill. When the car reached the entrance to this runway, it turned at the exact right angle from the middle of the road into the narrow passage. I shouted exultant praise and joy, thinking it would only damage my neighbor's garage for which I could make compensation.

When I reached my neighbor's high retaining wall, however, the car was just nosing toward the garage door, and, to my incredible amazement, the dying engine expired within a few inches of my neighbor's padlock and iron crossbar!

Greatly awed by this psychical phenomenon, this mental domination over and beyond ordinary conception of material law, I stood by my rescued car as the mystical words of Tennyson reverberated for half a century were singing in my heart: "Speak to Him, thou, for He hears and Spirit with Spirit can meet, Closer is He than breathing, And nearer than hands and feet."

BUY WAR BONDS!

Pageant of the Living Dead

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I gladly rendered up my all that you might live to spread your independent wings, And for your freedom thus I fell . . . my YOUTH, my STRENGTH, my HAPPINESS, and then my LIFE, I gave . . . could one give MORE?

I ask not for your empty praise or Academic oratory rare, I do not need the flowery wreaths you place above my body's resting place; I am not glad when you are sad, or tearful in a solemn way, Or tend my grave with mournful care, Or spend your time and money, too.

In monuments to stimulate the memory of a FORGETFUL RACE, I ask but this . . . Seek first my comrades in distress; Determine what our MOTHERS and our children need . . . Go you into the darkened corners of our world, and give with wise discriminating hand. Withhold all sentiment, if you must, but give this, your priceless gift.

And know that just beyond the gauzy, misty veil, which separates God's world from your dreamland, A mighty flower will grow to lift from this infinitesimal seed, which you, in the kindness of you hearts did sow; And we earthbound souls, who linger near the scenes which saw our death, Will melt into forgetfulness of any earthly foe; And find the peace beyond compare in this great LOVE your hearts have dealt.

This inspirational message from "The Unknown Soldier" was written in 1941 by Virginia Pearson, 23430 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, California.

This famous stage, screen and radio personality has, for many years, been interested in spiritual and occult philosophy. Quite some time ago, a prophetic message was published by Miss Pearson in booklet form. This message, "LO I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" is sometimes referred to as "The Voice of the Centuries." This booklet, now out-of-print, will be published in the next issue of Psychic Observer.

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Are We Preparing for a GREATER SACRIFICE?

*There must be a realization
of the next life; also
there must be a full real-
ization of the present
life and its needs.*

THERE RESTS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

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Tilak, the great Tibetan seer, listening to the inner flow of things left on parchment, leaves vital teachings.

Tilak wrote: "Every individual carries around his or her own past history; and also an indication of their own future history, in the finer (psychic) body. This body can overstep the conditions of Time and Space, it can behold things remote, things long past, and things to come.

"The physical body is the individual's working instrument in earthly life—the pen that inscribes now.

"The individual does not gain new powers after separation from the physical body—powers which the individual did not possess before. The individual possessed all these powers during its union with the physical body, although with a lesser ability to use them—the lack of preparation.

"The psychic body holds the physical body to the individual's chosen earthly life."

Preparing for a Greater Work

Everywhere in earthly life is found need and suffering. Every day we are confronted by cares and sorrows, disappointments and bereavements, pain and sickness. Voices we do not hear are whispering, as we go, "Is it nothing to you?"

In earthly life, we know very little of each other and care less. Personal interests are so engrossing, and personal cares are so pressing, that we see little of what transpires beyond the circle of our own immediate affairs.

Stand on a busy street of any city in the world. Watch the dense careless procession of hu-

man beings. How many know anything about the men and women beside them? How many care whether they sorrow or suffer?

Drop into the stream of humanity, and notice how soon you are lost. Drop out of it again and possibly you would never be missed. How few would notice you had disappeared as you stand there feeling your loneliness.

And then, as you carry the burden of your own life, your sorrows and cares, and loves and fears — you ask "What is it all about? What do I count for?" Then the whispering voices, "Is it nothing to you?"

A Sympathetic Heart

The human heart has a great craving for sympathy—the heartlessness and heedlessness of a hurrying world becomes at times crushing. If only some one would come from the careless crowd and let us feel we have the compassion of a human heart, our trouble would not be so hard.

The time comes when we almost cry out against our condition; when we see the face of one who comes with a word of compassion, like a face of a Mentor, a Teacher.

The lesson is obvious — we should do our part to diminish the feeling of neglect and indifference. We should endeavor to bridge the distance between those who sit by the wayside and those who pass by. Not that we can make every distress we encounter our own, but we may learn to speak a word in season to one that is weary. *We need a sympathetic heart.*

It is not strange that the happiest men and women in all the world are those who can share best, and those who do share some of the sorrow of others. Our own burdens become lighter—the more we try to share the burdens of others.

We can only attain great happiness, when we learn that life must seek life and heart must touch heart.

Whether we know it or not, we are in continual and close contact with our fellows in all their varying conditions, circumstances and experiences. We all desire to be of some kindly use in the world. Life will prove a poor and miserable business if we have not that aspiration.

The Unseen Remains

When someone is in distress, or even in disgrace, you may draw near him and let him understand by your sympathy that he is not without a friend—without one who understands.

Ever let your soul have an outlet in a wider range of thought and sympathy.

The significance of any event is not in its duration or its magnitude, but in its effect on you. Every event leaves behind its something permanent. Some experiences chasten, some purify, some renew, some give light, some make us more tender, and some make us stronger. **WHAT IS SEEN PASSES — WHAT IS UNSEEN REMAINS IN THE FABRIC OF CHARACTER.**

All the time that our life is growing less, our thoughts about life are growing larger; all the time that our days are diminishing, there may, there should be, growing within us higher thoughts, nobler purposes, stronger faculties, richer affections.

We learn a little, love a little, grow a little, work a little; and then we must stop. In all that constitutes our highest life we do not get far enough; we only begin here — and after earthly death we find ourselves where, in earthly life, we placed ourselves.

How often do we become excit-

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Evidence of Survival

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transported—this time it seemed to be against my wish—to a bedroom, where a woman I recognized was in bed, and two other women were quietly bustling around, and a doctor was leaning over the bed. Then the doctor had a baby in his hands. At once I became aware of an almost irresistible impulse to press my face through the back of the baby's head so that my face would come out at the same place as the child's.

"The doctor said, 'It looks as though we had lost them both,' and again I felt the urge to take the baby's place to show him he was wrong, but the thought of my mother crying turned my thoughts in her direction, when straightaway I was in a railway carriage with her and my father.

"I was still with them when they arrived at my lodging and were shown into the room where I had been put to bed. Mother sat beside the bed and I longed to comfort her, and the realization came that I ought to do the same thing I had felt impelled to do in the case of the baby and climb into the body on the bed.

"At last I succeeded, and the effort caused the real me" to sit up in bed fully conscious. Mother made me lie down again, but I said that I was all right, and remarked that it was odd she knew something was wrong before the porter had brought the telegram.

"Both she and Dad were amazed at my knowledge. Their astonishment was further increased when I repeated almost word for word some of the conversation they had had at home and in the train. I said that I had been close to birth as well as death, and told them that Mrs. Wilson, who lived close to us at home, had had a baby that day, but it was dead because I would not get into its body. We subsequently learned that Mrs. Wilson died on the same day at 2:05 P. M. after delivering a still-born girl."

That is but an illustration of many thousands which have been recorded. There are those who would dismiss such an account as "imagination." But it would be a greater tax on intelligence to accept such a weak explanation in the face of the minute accuracy of the experience.

The Arcadian Travelers

Having evidenced that we possess a wider consciousness than that of the body and the brain; and that this higher intelligence can function quite apart from an unconscious body, we are ready to go a step beyond and give evidence of survival after death, when there is no physical body.

Here we are faced with a vast amount of evidence, but it is my purpose, only to use examples where there is tangible physical proof of authenticity. When evidence is produced which may be seen and handled, it becomes difficult to dismiss it with words like "coincidence," "chance," "sex expressions," "imagination" or "de-

"Most people believe that the physical body is the 'real me' but the real self is the 'observer' who, as in this case, was aware of the location of his body and was also aware of the entire experience here related.



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Says Rev. Bartlett, "Recognition of Spiritualist churches and Spiritualist ministers in Springfield shows the trend toward tolerance of spiritual truths and spirit communication. This can be made possible only through a true understanding and realization of the rights of all religious bodies."

lusion."

Cicero relates that two Arcadian travelers arrived one day seeking rooms at an inn. But as there was not sufficient room at the inn, one friend went to a private house. In the night the man in the private dwelling dreamed that his friend was appealing to him for help—that he was being attacked. It awakened him, but vivid though the experience was he dismissed it as "just a dream."

On his falling asleep the friend again came to him astrally and said: "It's too late—I have been murdered and they have hidden my body in a cart in a field." In the morning he went to the inn and found his friend missing. But his dream had told him exactly where to find the body and he discovered it precisely as he had dreamed.

There we have information conveyed first from one living man to another, and secondly, from the same man, now dead, to a living man.

"I Stole Money"

Mrs. C. D. Diehl, of Omaha, relates the following story from her home town in Sweden. A certain Greta Pearson living there became ill and died. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Pearson was seen as an apparition at various times by numbers of the villagers. She was usually seen in the open between the house and the barn.

Jacob Erickson, an uncle of Mrs. Diehl, never having seen a spirit, was anxious to accost the late Mrs. Pearson and he determined, if successful, to have a chat with the spirit and find out what she wanted. He was successful, and the following conversation took place between the living and the dead.

Mr. Erickson said: "What's the matter with you—don't you know that you are disturbing the whole neighborhood?"

The spirit replied: "Oh, I'm so thankful you spoke to me. I'm Greta Pearson who just died."

"Yes," he said, "I know, and you are causing a lot of talk."

She replied: "When I was living I used to steal money from my husband. I kept it hidden in a handkerchief in the barn, and no one knows where to look for it. I

can't rest until that money is restored to my husband. If I point out the place will you promise to recover it and return it to him?"

Mr. Erickson gave his word and the spirit pointed out the place. As it was dark and the task required a ladder, Mr. Erickson waited until morning. He then related the incident to the mayor, the postmaster and the doctor of the village, and with these witnesses he recovered the money and restored it to the husband.

The husband was completely ignorant of the wife's pilferings and had not missed the money since it had been taken a little at a time. The spirit of Mrs. Greta Pearson, troubled no longer — earthbound no longer — was not seen again.

No one living knew that there was any money in the barn, but a "dead" woman conveyed to a living man the information that it was there and pointed out its hiding place.

Knowledge vs. Ignorance

Those who have definite knowledge of survival after death are up against a peculiar problem. They are faced by ignorant people who have no such knowledge and who, on the basis of ignorance, deny the evidence and ignore the facts.

In order to gain knowledge on any subject we must begin at the beginning. In the case of this subject, no one has any right to even an opinion until he has studied and experimented with the dream consciousness, with telepathy and with clairvoyance.

Now that Dr. Alexis Carrel has given public testimony that the fact of clairvoyance is true, lesser men of learning are becoming more courageous about dealing with this subject. We need not, therefore, pay much attention to those who ignore the facts and deny the evidence. On the other hand, not all the evidence is authentic, and conclusions drawn from such evidence are not necessarily correct.

Mind Reading

As an illustration of this, we relate the following experience of J. W. Brodie-Innes. He relates in *The Occult Review* that he went to a woman who called herself a "Lady Inspirationist." She insisted with all visitors that she did not want to know their names or anything about them.

To one man after a silence of three or four minutes she began: "You have a strange and romantic career —" and then for twenty minutes told a story of wild romance and adventure.

She stopped, looked him full in the face and asked: "Is that correct?" He said, "Perfectly, but it's not me." "What do you mean?" she asked.

He replied: "You have told me almost line for line a story I am writing, which is not yet finished and which no one has seen. It is locked up in my desk." She explained: "I saw it. Every incident passed before me as if it were your memory of your own life."

What the "Lady Inspirationist" did was to see clairvoyantly the characters created out of his imagination. She was ready to accept these visions as living people.

There is a wealth of literature on the subject of survival after death, and those interested are obligated to study it before too dogmatically expressing opinions.

The true scientific attitude of mind is that of the agnostic, who says, "I do not know," as against the agnostic, or one who does know. But knowledge in this field, as in all other departments of life, is ever expanding, and no one knows everything about it. **THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN ATTITUDE OF MIND.**

When Telepathy Is Not Telepathy

An intelligent public has been led to take telepathy seriously. It is no longer a doubtful phenomena, neither is it a subject that should be made light of by faking—however well it pays.

Stage and radio showmen are unable to impress thoughtful people.

By THE EDITOR

Occasionally "Mind-Readers" and nationally known mentalists appear on the radio and in theaters throughout the country. Their programs have caused much confusion and some few listeners actually are lead to believe that genuine mental telepathy is the answer.

In the Journal of Parapsychology, edited and published at Duke University at Durham, N. C., Professor Joseph Banks Rhine states a few facts that should clear the question.

Here is what Professor Rhine says . . .

"We are today witnessing a revival of an old 'stunt,' the public imitation of telepathic perception as a vaudeville act. In keeping with things modern, the performance has now been adapted to the radio as well. The reason for taking notice here of these stage performers is the fact that they are misleading some very intelligent people; and we feel a certain responsibility in the matter, for members of the audience at a 'telepathy' show credit the claims of a showman much more readily when they know that serious academic research workers have reported the finding of something like the ability demonstrated.

"Innocent Fraud"

"Largely because of such researches many people are completely 'taken in' and leave the show convinced they have seen a great demonstration of genuine telepathy. Some of these are psychologists; some are ministers who under the conviction that they have seen a marvelous thing, boldly mention the performance in their sermons as evidence of spiritual sense in man; and there are even editors of magazines and publishers who sufficiently endorse the deception to stamp it with the permanence of printer's ink as telepathy—the real thing.

"It has always been more or less profitable commercially to fake so-called 'psychic phenomena,'

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DR. JOSEPH BANKS RHINE, Professor of Psychology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; one of America's outstanding exponents in the field of mental and psychic research. He coined the word "Extra-Sensory Perception" in the course of his experiments with Thought Transference and Telepathy.

He is author of the book "New Frontiers of The Mind" and editor of the monthly magazine, "Parapsychology"; has gained much prominence because of his experiments with the "E.S.P." cards.

and when public interest runs high in any type of these paranormal claims, a field is at once opened up for the charlatan. It is charlatanism, by definition, for a performer to leave his audience deluded by the claims he makes for his performance.

"The legitimate magician, of course, mystifies for purposes of entertainment, but he avoids the instilling of false beliefs concerning his demonstration, beliefs that last after the show is over.

"It may be argued that in this instance it is an innocent sort of fraud that is being practiced and

that after all, telepathy is a well-established capacity. There may even be some small element of real telepathy in the show. Who can prove that there is not? And it is a good show!

"These are excuses that can plausibly be made for many a hoax. For example, how well they would have applied Dr. Cook's claim that he 'discovered' the North Pole! He lectured to large audiences over the country, winning them over to his claim. It was, however, a misstatement, and in time this became generally known. Yet it could have been called, in a certain sense, an innocent fraud. For after all, man had 'discovered' the Pole. And Cook did give an interesting lecture! The parallel is a close one.

Editorial Policies

"If we inquire into the reactions of the scientist who discovers that he has been taken in by a fake telepathy show, we are likely to find him disillusioned on all claims about telepathy, for he will reason that if he can be so easily fooled, why can't others, including parapsychology experimenters?

"The minister who finds that his sermon on the spiritual sense was based on a trickster's claim is not merely ashamed and hurt; he is on guard against, and probably antagonistic thereafter to, reports about the very things he has long wanted to know and understand. And would he ever dare mention the subject of telepathy again in public?

"Will editorial policy continue unchanged for the magazine that presents the great telepathist, the master mindreader, to its readers only to learn in time that the author's claim as a stage telepathist is on a par with the medicinal value of rattlesnake oil? Has an article about genuine experimental work on telepathy any chance to reach the readers of such magazines thereafter?

"The general public is interested in telepathy and in like capacities in a way that is not attributable to mere idle curiosity. This interest relates too closely to our basic desire for an understanding of what the human personality is in the universe for it to be played with and exploited, leaving us eventually disillusioned and cynical as the trick is exposed.

Public Fed-up

"Such remarks as these will not, of course, have the effect of stopping the practices under discussion. And there is nothing the research worker can do about this. It lies outside his domain and in the educational realm. Those who write for and who reach the general reader may enlighten the public on the seriousness of these false claims and the wide difference between a show and an experiment.

"Discriminating magicians doubtless see in this abuse of the profession a menace to the ethical standards of American magicians. They would not for a moment countenance the performance of a fellow-conjuror who claimed, for example, to be able to change water into wine by the same divine power Christ is reported to have exercised at Cana. They would not approve a magical show that left the audience believing that the performer was a great healer, no matter how clever and entertaining the act.

"There was a time when telepathy was too doubtful a phenomenon to compel serious concern, but that time is past. An intelligent public has been led to take it seriously, and the subject is no longer a proper one for faking, however well that pays. On this, we believe, thoughtful people everywhere, audience and magician alike, will readily agree."

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Greater Sacrifice

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ed and nervous, or even perhaps a little angry over some unimportant mistake or oversight. What an enormous waste of human life goes on in this foolish way—waste of time, thought, nervous energy and happiness—because we fret, fume and worry over little things.

Measure of the Invisible

Perhaps the most disastrous result obtained by putting emphasis on the wrong things is this—you make trifles important. They become the world in which you live—a world of petty interests and concerns. This is a danger to which we are all exposed, because the greater part of our life is occupied with tasks and interests that

are little and commonplace.

Think how men and women, shut up in offices and absorbed in daily tasks, may become the slaves of routine details of business, because they have not preserved the freedom of spirit and learned to reach up to something higher. We must ever view all things in their relative importance.

The pitiful trifling of many to whom dresses and candles, church millinery, questions about form and ritual, the position of a table or a chair, are things supremely important. Think of what it means!

In the presence of weightier matters—justice, mercy and faith; in the presence of ignorance; and in the presence of the spiritual needs of men at home and abroad; would you think of being concerned with little things?

Put the emphasis on eternity rather than time—on eternal things rather than on the things which pass and perish. A man's spiritual welfare is far beyond any worldly success that can come to him.

Secret of Happiness

Have we learned how true it is that the high places are usually the safe places? Like the deer we come into danger when we venture down to lower levels. Have we learned how true this is in many things—in our reading, in our friendships, in our thoughts and aims?

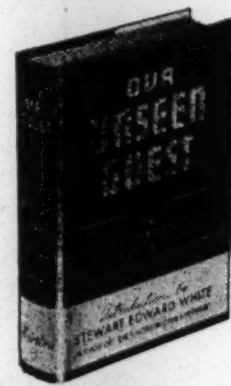
Decline from the best, and you lead yourself into temptation. Keep to the best books, the best friendships and the best thoughts, then you will be safe. There are always dangers that beset us when we let down the level of our thoughts which in turn affect our entire life.

Every day builds or impairs our finer (psychic) body. Keep the big things big and let the little things be little—that is the secret of a strong happy life.

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It is a living world. Look across some wide and lovely landscape. It is life that changes it, colors it, and fills it. All the beauty is in the green grass, the opening flowers, the purple hills and the waving woods—it is life that makes it. It is a living world!

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BASIC TRUTHS CANNOT BE IGNORED

The word "foreigner" will have to die and be supplanted by "brother" before the world finds harmony and peace.

The "Supernatural" Explained

By ERNEST OATEN

BELIEF in Supernaturalism is one of the things which has clouded man's vision throughout human history. It rests upon the supposition that the laws which govern the Universe are insufficient to meet the needs of the times. My dictionary gives the definition: "Supernatural: being beyond the powers or laws of nature."

The misconception arises from the fact that, in past times, man tended to regard this planet as the only important realm, and his sense perceptions as the only index to reality. An eclipse of the sun was regarded as due to the personal effort of some extraneous power to interfere in the normal course of events.

The appearances of spirits, which are common to all races and all times—and which occur probably just as often in a modern university town as they did in villages of primitive man—gave rise to the conception that there must be a realm of causation outside the range of our natural habitat.

Shallow Arguments

Ignorance and fear attributed character and power to the denizens of that realm. Their powers were wildly exaggerated and it was assumed that they acted fitfully and independently, quite outside the orbit of law. The supernatural supposed that the laws of the universe were liable to be set aside or overruled by something or someone acting outside the realm of that law.

I have little sympathy with the shallow argument of those who treat primitive man as a contempt-

ible creature who was always wrong, especially as I feel quite sure that within a century or two the world's inhabitants will regard us in precisely the same light, despite our scientific societies and universities.

Primitive man discovered that the skins of animals provided protection from the climate, although his furs were not of the latest cut. He discovered fire, and learned to cook his food. He invented the wheel—the lever for removing heavy bodies, and a hundred other useful things upon which we have improved but which we cannot do without. He laid foundations upon which his successors built, as our successors will build on ours.

Nothing Supernatural

The present state of the world clearly shows that we have but to scratch the skin of civilized man in order to reveal the primitive savage.

Primitive man did his best with the limited knowledge he possessed. Modern man can do no more. He was often mistaken, because his knowledge was incomplete and many things that were beyond his comprehension were attributed to supernatural agency. We say they are due to luck, or chance, or coincidence, but are we any nearer the truth?

Our business—if we are wise—is to be thankful for his help—to endeavor to correct his quite understandable errors, and improve upon his methods—that is the scientific and evolutionary method.

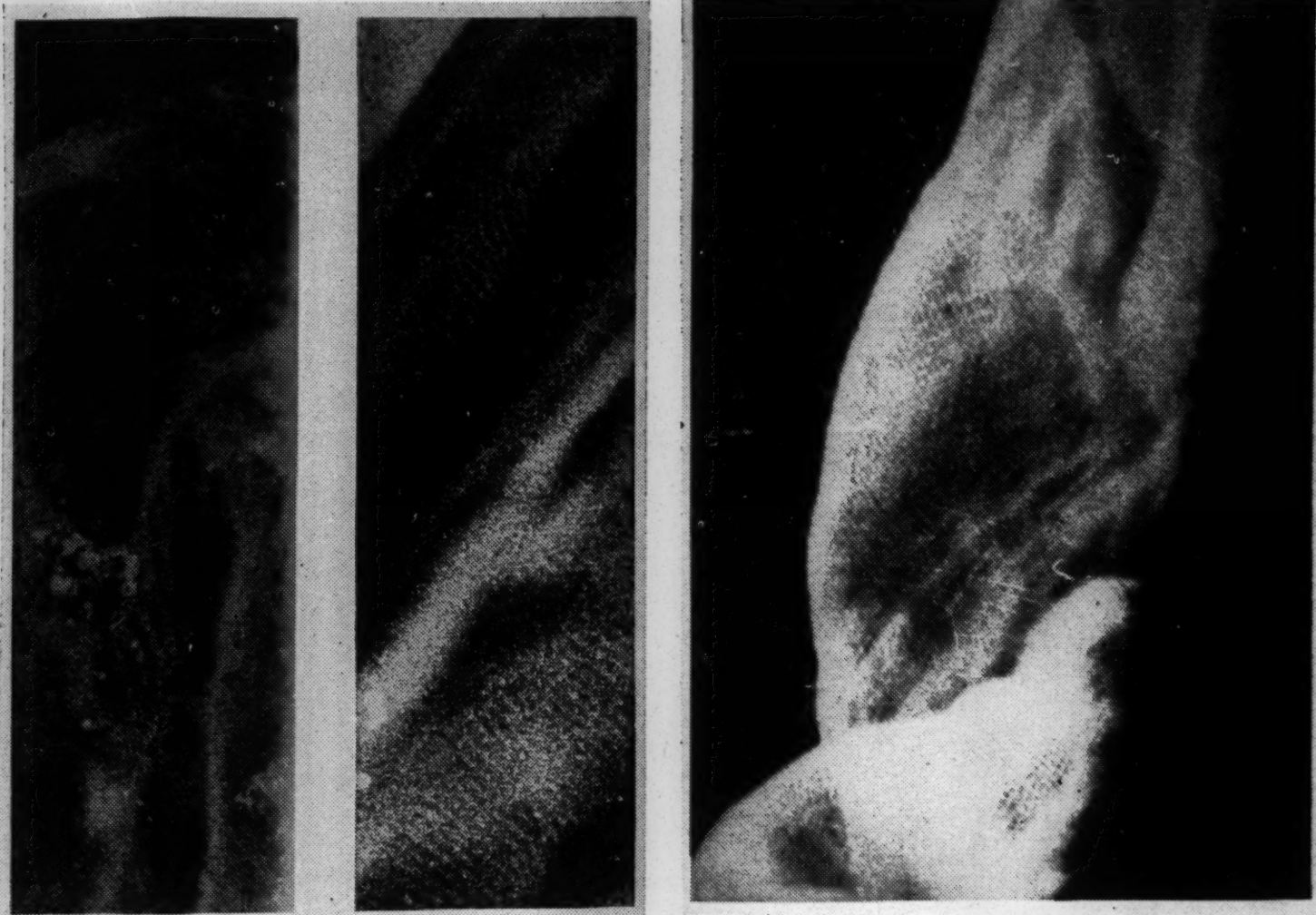
Primitive man was the inhabitant of a planet. We are denizens of a universe. The sun's eclipse is to us an expression of natural law and we forecast its happening to the minute.

To the Spiritualist there can be no supernatural! The universe is one and is governed by immutable law. Whatever happens must be embraced within that law, though we are wise enough to recognize

Ectoplasm Photographed

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Dr. W. J. CRAWFORD
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The pictures above are reproductions of photographs taken by Dr. W. J. Crawford at The Goligher Circle, May to August 1921. E. E. Fournier d'Albe, D.Sc. of Birmingham, England, collaborated with Dr. Crawford in these experiences.

The two small photographs at the left are enlargements of a portion of the ectoplasm shown in the large photograph to the right. The dark background in the large photograph is the stocking worn by KATHLEEN GOLIGHER, famous Belfast, Ireland, physical medium. It was through the mediumship of Miss Goligher that most of Dr. Crawford's experiments were made possible.

In view of the wide publicity given these experiments at the time, a booklet (now out-of-print) was published in 1922 by Dr. Crawford. This booklet contains eleven large photographs of ectoplasm in various stages. The pictures above, taken from this book, are recognized by no less than five famous researchers as being the most authentic of their kind on record.

that our knowledge of it is but fragmentary.

After Columbus and Cabot had discovered America it became fashionable to talk about the "New World" as compared with the Old, and until recently that difference was maintained.

In the last few decades, we have discovered that there is but one world and one people; we are parts one of another. The American Continent is not something outside the orbit of our life, but parallel with it, and each reacts on the other.

Gradually the two will be fused into one. The more quickly it happens the better for both, since an injury to either reacts upon all.

The word "FOREIGNER" will have to die and be supplanted by "BROTHER" before the world finds harmony and peace.

Primitive man found a world of spirits which acted and reacted on his life. Modern investigation has clearly demonstrated that he was right. In his ignorance, he exaggerated and made the world the abode of Gods and demons, friends and enemies.

An Ancient Error

He supplicated the former and palliated the latter. He quite correctly assumed that they had human attributes, love and hatred, friendship and hostility. He regarded it as another world, separate and discrete from this.

There he was wrong. It is but another dimension of the same universe, which interacts with this, and is the habitat of the same sort of people—good and bad, wise and foolish, but always warmly human.

Modern investigation has established beyond serious dispute the basic fact of which primitive man was quite aware, but in the light of fuller knowledge has been able to correct his errors and establish a truer perspective. We still tend to perpetuate his ancient error that there are two worlds.

The fact is that they are parts one of another and the fullness of life can be realized by neither until the artificial barriers, due to human ignorance, are torn down, and we recognize that one universe embraces us all.

As the New World and the Old are being drawn together into bonds of brotherhood, so the spirit world and this must be blended into a harmonious fellowship in the interests of both. Peace, harmony and brotherhood will not be attained until this is done.

That is the task to which the true Spiritualist has set his hand. That is the work before us.

We live in our vast universe of life and unchanging law. There is no "Supernatural" and what has seemed so will presently be found to be merely that realm of law which is hidden by our own ignorance, but which will subsequently be revealed.

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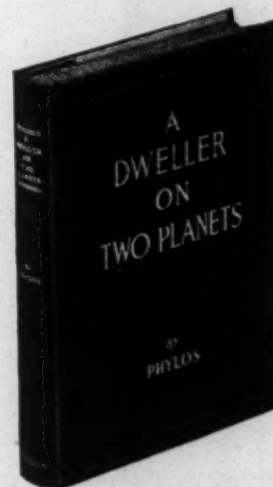
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